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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/11/2005</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

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1. Claims 1-37 are presenting for examination.
2. Claims 8 & 22, recite the limitation "the number of concurrent sessions" in line 1.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

3. Claims 23-26, recite the limitation "the subscribers" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yuen (US 2002/0007349).

6. As to claims 1-12 & 28, Yuen teaches a method for providing conditional access to media content, the method comprising:

- * receiving a request for the media content by a remote media rendering device (non-eBooks type device, see [0015], lines 1-3),
 - the request received from a middleman server (internet server) connected to the media rendering device on a local network, see [0019];
- * receiving a device ID (U.S. marker) associated with the remote media rendering device, see [0019], lines 1-3;

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* verifying based on the received device ID whether the remote media rendering device is approved to receive the requested media content, see [0020], lines 1-3; and

* granting the request if the remote media rendering device is approved to receive the requested media content, see [0020], lines 1-3.

In Summary the device will be granting access to the content if the device is approved to receive the content (The U.S. marker device will be granting access to the content of U.S. rights holder and the U.S. marker device will not granting access to the content of U.K. rights holder).

7. As to claims 13-27, 29-37, the claims are similar in scope to claims 1-12 & 28, and they are rejected under the same rationale.

Therefore, it can be seen from paragraphs 6-7 that Yuen anticipates claims 1-37.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Moustafa M. Meky whose telephone number is 571-272-4005. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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